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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action electronically sent January 2, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks.